

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department — Guntur Municipal Corporation – A.C.B. Trap - Allegations of demand and acceptance of bribe for issuing a 'Dangerous and Offensive Trade License' against Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation - Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 -- Inquiry conducted – Imposing a penalty of " withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.325

Dated.19.03.2024.

Read the following:

- 1) Radio Message in Crime No.23/RCT-ACB-VJA/2009, dt 08-11-2009 of DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
- 2) From the Director - General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Lr.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009-S.17, Dated: .06.2010.
- 3) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009-S.17, dated.16.06.2012
- 4) Govt.Memo.No.18614/Vig.IV.1/2009, dated.14.09.2012. (p.395)
- 5) From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.273/RCT-VGT/2009/S.17, date.08.06.2017.
- 6) G.O.Rt.No.885, M.A. & U.D. Dept., dated 18.12.2017. (p.457)
- 7) WSD of Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation, dated.11.08.2019
- 8) G.O.Rt.No.397, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.07.09.2020.
- 9) G.O.Rt.No.95, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.05.03.2021.
- 10) From Sri B.Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWS & SMIP, Vijayawada, Lr.ROC No.APUF-14023/11/2021-F and ACCT SEC - APUFIDC, Dated.28.11.2022.
- 11) Govt.Memo.No.18614/Vig.II/2009/A2(E-282989), dated.20.03.2023.
- 12) Served copy of Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, GMC received through C&DMA,A.P, Letter Roc.No.R-3018876/2019/C1-2, dated29/04/2023.
- 13) G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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ORDER:-

Whereas vide reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government alleging that Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation was trapped by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 07.11.2009 when demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 10,000/- from complainant, as illegal gratification to give 'Dangerous and Offensive Trade License'.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the DG, ACB, A.P. has furnished the final report and recommended for Prosecution of Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation (AO-2) and another accused officer (AO-1) in a Court of Law, U/s 7 & 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C.Act,1988 and also to initiate Departmental action against them for violation of Rules and 3(1) (2) and 9(7) of APCS (Conduct) Rules,1964.

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3. Government after careful examination of the matter and following due procedure, keeping in view of the remarks of the DG, ACB, A.P. vide reference 3rd read above, it was decided to conduct departmental enquiry instead of prosecution against Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation (AO-2) and another accused officer (AO-1). Accordingly, while informing the same, the DG, ACB, A.P. vide reference 4th read above has been requested to furnish the Draft Article of charges against both the Accused officers.
4. The DG, ACB, A.P. in reference 5th read above, furnished the Draft Article of charges against both the Accused officers. After following due procedure, Article of charges were framed against Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation, vide reference 6th read above.
5. The charged officer submitted his written statement of defence, vide reference 7th read above. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence and after following due procedure, the Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration (RDMA), Guntur, was appointed as an Inquiry Officer, vide reference 8th read above. Later, Sri B. Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWSSMI was appointed as an Inquiry officer in place of Sri G. Srinivasa Rao, RDMA, Guntur vide reference 9th read above to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officer.
6. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 10th read above and held that all the (2) charges framed against the charged officer are held proved.
7. In the reference 11th read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. The C&DMA, A.P. vide reference 12th read above furnished the served copy in respect of the delinquent official.
8. Government have examined the matter; keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Authority and decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation, since the two charges are held proved and also the CO himself accepted that he has no knowledge in submitting APRs.
9. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative effect" against the charged officer Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector, Guntur Municipal Corporation, as all the charges were held proved against him in the Inquiry.
10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

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11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIALCHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri T.V. Ranga Rao, the then Sanitary Inspector cum Food Inspector,
Guntur Municipal Corporation - **through** the C&DMA, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration A.P., Mangalagiri

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti- Corruption Bureau, A.P.,
Opposite PN Bus stand, Vijayawada.

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//


✓ **SECTION OFFICER.**